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# The Michaelman

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The Student Body is reminded that the Christmas vacation begins after the last class on Dec. 10th and classes will resume at 8:10 A.M. on Jan. 3rd.



Rev. Vincent Maloney, S.S.E., presents first copy of "St. Michael's Through The Years" to Very Rev. Francis E. Moriarty, S.S.E., St. Michael's president. Dr. Jeremiah Durick, co-author (with Fr. Maloney) of the history of the college, looks on. 7500 copies of the book have been printed; students will receive a free copy. Issue will be made Mon. - Fri., from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. in the bookstore next week.

## Fifty-Year History Of St. Michael's Published

BY JAMES CANAVAN

"St. Michael's Through the Years," a handsome 104 page history, recently written on the fifty years of S.M.C., has been released by its publishers for distribution.

Two members of the present staff, Fr. Vincent B. Maloney, S.S.E. and Dr. Jeremiah K. Durick, collaborated in the composition of this literary work in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee celebration at St. Michael's.

### RESEARCH AND WRITING

For five years Fr. Maloney and Dr. Durick have been doing research on the subject and compiling information in preparation for the half-century anniversary of the college. Work on the actual writing of the book began in January of 1955 and was completed in August. Recently the first copies of the publication were released and this coming week every student on campus will be given a free copy at the college bookstore. Additional copies may be procured for \$2.00 per copy at the campus bookstore and downtown. Alumni

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## Council President's Message To Frosh

It is with great pride that I bring this message to the Class of 1959 on the matter of the forthcoming Freshman elections.

'59 is a good class. I was one of those who saw this class through their Freshman Week. I was glad to see the new Freshman Orientation program begin. Now I see the Frosh getting ready for their big election.

This is an important election. To the members of the Class of 1959 I say this: look upon this as an important thing; live up to the good things that have been said about you; elect good men, elect the right men. Pick fellows who can combine interest and industry with an ability to lead others to similar interest and industry. Interest, hard work and leadership, are necessary qualities in a man if you're to vote for him.

In voting for class officers, pick men whom you know will carry out class projects well; pick Student Council representatives who will represent you and the entire student body. Vote for men whom you deem future leaders of the student body, men who will make a definite contribution toward the greater St. Michael's.

Hank Bredenberg, Pres.  
Student Council  
St. Michael's College

## Prospects Bright For Skiing

BY PETER FEAREY

Immediately after the Christmas vacation the group on campus that prays for snow will begin their activities. They are known as skiers or "snow bunnies", and they may easily be identified by their outlandish headgear and rosy cheeks. Saint Michael's is fortunate in being within fifty miles of the ski capitol of the East, Stowe, Vermont.

The Outing Club has obtained the use of a large cabin on the side of Mount Mansfield. The cabin is deep in the woods and is large enough to accommodate twenty skiers. The Outing Club plans to use the cabin throughout the winter for weekend trips. At least one evening a week busses will take skiers to Underhill for the evening. Underhill is located about twenty miles from Burlington on the Western slopes of Mt. Mansfield and has a rope tow that services an 800 foot open slope. The slope is illuminated by flood lights and there is a warming hut for the less hardy enthusiasts.

Father Gerard E. Duford, Dean of Men, estimates that the cost of transportation

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## '56 Shield Staff Plans Biggest Yearbook Ever

At present the '56 Shield staff has already taken its initial steps in formulating the yearbook under Editor Donal Flynn. The Shield will be printed by the Progress Publishing Associates of Albany, N.Y., the low bidder and will feature a four-color inset of Old Hall on the front and back pages which has been arranged through the J.K. Smith Co.

Probably the most outstanding feature of the annual publication will be its size. It will consist of 254 pages, some 70 pages more than in previous years. Included in the four-color set will be the opening

signature, numbering about ten pages. Another change will be the devotion of a separate page to each senior. This will include a formal and informal picture of the graduate, a caricature done by Jim Breagy, and a biographical sketch of the future alumnus.

### TO INCLUDE ALL ACTIVITIES

Thoroughly covered this year will be the Interclass Activities program which will not only include sports but also more diversified subjects such as debating, writing and dramatics. Besides the other four-color insets, the staff has also arranged color inserts for eight pages from St. Michael's College History.

### STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

As far as material gathered by the staff, there has been a definite rise in comparison to other years of progress. This year's staff headed by Don Flynn will include Oggie Dodge who will check all copy. The Make-up Editor position is filled by Craig Tynan assisted by Joe Fortin; photography, Ernie Bolognani and Dick Bousquet; sketches and miscellaneous work by Bob Dumaine; sports are in the hands of Paul Palmer and Jack Thompson.

To date, the sports staff has already taken care of the fall sports on campus. The class history, which has been completed for the first half of the Senior Class, is being handled by Frank Adams.

### WILL COVER GRADUATION

The Shield will be distributed during the summer which will make it possible for every activity occurring up to and including graduation to be published. Through the efforts of the editor, who

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## Seniors Victorious In Class Play Competition

By R. DUMAINE

The awards decision of the judges committee composed of Mr. Murphy, Fr. Scully and Mr. Powers resulted in the Seniors taking the Best Play honors, with the Juniors a close second.

Best Set award went to the Sophomores, while Walt Bellcourt edged out Frank Keane in a close decision for the acting "Oscar."

Best Director, in the judges' opinion, was Ray Gemia of the Seniors, with special mention being made of Frosh Frank Cafarelli for his outstanding job of producing and directing his class's presentation.

## Fearey, O'Grady For Frosh Prexy

The Freshman held nominations for class officers last Tuesday and two parties will vie for the coveted posts. Following is a list of the candidates of each party:

### GO-GETTERS

Pres. - Peter Feary  
V.P. - James Frontero  
Treas. - John Edwards  
Sec. - Neil Shea  
S.C. - Jim Canavan  
Albert Brault  
John Fay

### HILLTOP PARTY

Pres. - Terrence O'Grady  
V.P. - Bob Senecal  
Treas. - Jim McNally  
Sec. - Dick Corley  
S.C. - Ronald LaFleur  
Jim Shanley  
Ken McFall

The class goes to the polls on December 7 and winners will be announced that night.

Monday night saw a large and enthusiastic crowd on hand to witness the start of the interclass play competition. First to take the stage were the Sophomores with their presentation of the noble and poetic spirit of vagrancy. If the acting was not sensitive no one seemed to notice for the applause merited by this well prepared production gave every indication that the play had been greatly enjoyed. Mike D'Arcangelo as the love-struck hobo and S. Schryver as his philosophic and equally impecunious friend, did much to make the play live and a strong contender for the winning laurels.

Immediately following the Sophomore session were the Freshman who held forth with a spirited series of pantomimes intended to recreate the atmosphere of the "Roaring Twenties." Though the atmosphere never quite achieved re-awakening, the play did not suffer for its attention to the audience's

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## Council Shelves NSA

Junior Councilman Jack Eaton made a motion to adjourn immediately after the Council opened its special meeting Wednesday evening. The motion was passed almost unanimously, and the decision on joining NSA will now be made on December 6.

At Tuesday night's Council meeting, Council President Hank Bredenberg, vacated the chair so he might take part in the debate on NSA. Senior Councilman, Charles Randall, announced that he had given the minutes of the 8th National Congress to Professor James O'Beirne of the History Department, who pronounced the Association "suspect."

The introducer of the original motion to join NSA, Tom Leavitt, then took the

floor and explained some of the background on the resolutions being disputed.

"Joining NSA will help us to get away from provincialism," Leavitt said, "the contacts we make now with secular organizations will help us in the future when we must necessarily associate with those of different beliefs."

The yearly cost of participating in NSA was given as

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The Nativity scene and the tree lights make an impressive sight at night. The display, in front of College Hall, is an annual feature of the Christmas season.



## European Priest Studies Here

Among the foreign students now studying English here is Father Zenon Szmilga, a young Lithuanian priest who is one of the first Europeans to study here under the new English for Foreign Students program. He was sent here by Bishop Flanagan of the Norwich, Conn., Diocese.

Born in Luknevai, Lithuania, 29 years ago, Father Szmilga entered the seminary there in 1941. During the war he left his native land and entered the seminary at Eichstatt, Bavaria, where he stayed until 1945.

Father Szmilga completed his studies at the Pontifical University in Rome and was ordained on March 4, 1950, the Feast of St. Casimir, patron of his country and his mother's favorite saint.

Father Szmilga received his doctorate in philosophy and his licentiate in Theology while in Rome.

During the war in Europe Father experienced the tragedy, suffered by many, of losing contact with his family. In 1947 his father, mother and a young sister were arrested by the Russians and he has not heard from them since.

His loved ones are unaware that he is now a priest nor is his mother aware of his being ordained on the feast day of her favorite saint, St. Casimir.

The tall, blond priest is very happy here at St. Michael's. He will complete his English course in March and then return to Connecticut. Even without the use of English, he is very adept at languages, speaking fluently Lithuanian, Russian, German, Italian and Latin.



Newest student in the English for Foreign Students program is Rev. Dr. Zenon Szmilga, Lithuanian-born priest, now working in the Norwich Diocese here. Taking time out, he and Bro. Augustine Gerard, F.I.C., sport it with the cards.

## ALUMNI CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Club, Albany; Date, Dec. 27; Time 9-1 (buffet supper at 11:00 p.m.); Price, per couple, Students - \$4, Alumni - \$5; Place, Kapp's Rensselaer; Dress, Informal.

Club, Boston; Date, Dec. 27; Time, 9-1; Price, undetermined; Place, Robin Hood Ten Acres, Wayland, Mass.; Informal.

Club, N.Y.-N.J.; Date, Dec. 27; Time, 9-1; Price, Students - \$5, Alumni - \$7; Place, Centre Room, Hotel Commodore; Informal.

Club, Burlington; Date, Dec. 27; Time, 9-1; Price, Students - \$1, Alumni - \$2; Place, Austin Hall; Dress, Informal.

Club, Connecticut; Date, Dec. 27; Time, 9-1; Price, Students - \$2, Alumni - \$3; Place, Pala Inn, Southington, Conn.; Dress, Semi-Formal.

Club, Pittsfield; Time, 9-1; Price, Students - free, non-student couple - \$3, Alumni - \$5; Place, White Tree Inn, Pittsfield; Dress, Informal.

Club, Worcester; Date, Dec. 27; Time, 9-1; Price, undetermined; Place, Airport, Sterling, Mass.; Dress, Informal.

Club, Conn. Valley (Springfield); Date, Dec. 28; Time 9-1; Price, undetermined (dinner dance); Place, Spfld. Country Club; Dress, semi-formal.

chael's College who have not debated in inter-collegiate debates are eligible.

Each class will enter one affirmative and one negative team. These teams will be chosen by the class itself with the assistance of the Debating Club members of each class and the class moderator.

The debates will be of the non-elimination-round-robin type. Each class team will debate the teams from the three other classes. Example: The Freshman Affirmative Team will debate the Negative

Teams from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. The Sophomore Affirmative Team will debate the Negative Teams from the Freshman, Junior and Senior classes.

These points will be awarded by the judges to each debator in the following manner:

10 to 9 Superior	100-90
8 to 7 Above Average	90-80
6 to 4 Average	80-70
3 to 2 Below Average	70-60
1 to 0 Poor	60-50

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"DEVIL GODDESS"  
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Also  
"AIR STRIKE"

## A Visit From St. Nicholas

(with apologies to Clement Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas, and at S.M.C.  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a flea;  
The wallets were hung at the end of each bed,  
In hopes that St. Nick would bring our daily bread.

The Freshmen were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of A's and B's danced in their heads;  
Each diligent student, in nightie and cap,  
Had just settled his brains for a long winter's nap.

When outside the dorm there arose such a clatter  
I sprang from my rack to see what was the matter!  
Away to the window I ran with all boldness,  
Threw open the sash and was hit by the coldness.

The cold wind blew in all the new-fallen snow,  
And I stood there a-freezing from head to each toe;  
When what to my icicled eyes did appear  
But a miniature sickle with over-drive gear;

With a slouched-hat old driver, real cool and real chick,  
I said to myself: this is St. Nick?  
Then a real jazzy whistle this cat did perform,  
And his sickle did roar to the top of the dorm.

And then in a twinkling I heard from the top  
The grind of the wheels as they came to a stop.  
As I chattered my teeth and was turning around,  
The fat man jumped in with a ballet-like bound!

His merry eyes twinkled, his pot took much space;  
He had fur on his suit, and fur on his face;  
But he wasted no time to get his work done,  
He left all his bundles and off he did run.

He sprang to his rod like a ROT-SEE cadet  
And barreled away like a superspeed jet!  
But I heard him exclaim as he started his flight:  
"Happy Christmas to all...and to every good Knight!"

## CLASS DEBATING RULES ANNOUNCED

Interclass debating will begin on February 15. Debating Club President Frank Adams announced today.

The topic this year will be:

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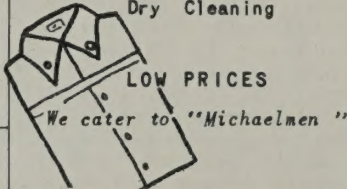
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## Two SMC Students To Attend Science Conference In April

Two SMC students will be sent as representatives to the tenth annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference to be held at Temple University at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 6 and 7.

The students sent by the Biology Department are Gerald Ryan and James Moreau. Ryan will present, at the conference, the results of a collective study of specific species of bacteria. He will explain the effects of the growth and formation of the species.

The conference will include reports on research conducted by students, tours of industrial and scientific places of interest in the Philadelphia area, eminent speakers, exhibits and social activities. Papers will be delivered on all types of research in the fields of biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics, physics and psychology.

Over five hundred colleges and universities east of the Mississippi and in Eastern Canada have been invited to send delegates and student speakers to the conference.

## Constitutional Committee Dissolved

Richard Bousquet, chairman of the committee on constitutional revision, requested due to the present committee's inability to agree on certain points, that the group be dissolved and a new committee be appointed to continue investigating the constitution for possible weak points that need revision.

Although the problem of tardiness at Mass has not been solved as yet, one more week will be allowed for observation before any definite action is taken. If the situation continues, the Council will consider requesting the insertion of a 10:30 Mass into the Sunday morning schedule.

## Dean Offers Skis At Bargain Rate

Father Duford has announced a package deal that will make Purple Knight ski enthusiasts forget even the generosity of "Care."

Two ski poles, 6'6" and 6'9" skis with edges and bindings, and ski boots in all stock sizes for the unbelievable price of \$35. This same "deal" usually goes for the nice round figure of \$65. You don't have to be an Einstein to see this one.

Students can order these Xmas gift packages from now until the 15th of January. A good idea would be to make the folks aware of this. It might save them some shopping headaches towards the end of the month. They will be able to send their orders directly to Fr. Duford.

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## "Follow The Five" Cut-Rate Tickets

If you plan to "follow the Knights," the Athletic Office has a limited supply of student tickets for the Holy Cross game at Worcester, Dec. 14.

The \$2.00 tickets are on sale for \$1.50 and the \$1.25 ducats go for \$.75, providing you buy them before school ends Dec. 10.

Alumnus Owen Murphy, Jr., who works at the Worcester Telegram, surrounded by Holy Cross fans and fanatics, figured that the basketball Knights would welcome some vocal support. He arranged for the price break and sent the tickets up to the college. There will be no reduced price tickets at the gate, so come early.

Alumni Secretary Thomas J. Kenney said that the Massachusetts alumni will be out in force at the game and at the party that follows at the Bancroft Hotel in Worcester.

Also in the works is a "follow the Knights" trip to the University of Massachusetts game at Amherst Jan. 7.

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## Conference To Be Held On Education At Skidmore

The Skidmore branch of the National Student Association has invited sixty-one colleges to send representatives for an inter-regional (New England-New York) conference on "The State of American Education," December 2-4, concurrent with the White House Conference on Education.

Henry T. Moore, president of Skidmore, will welcome the delegates and introduce President Roswell Gray Ham of Mount Holyoke College, who will deliver the keynote speech on the conference theme, Friday night, December 2.

Among the guest speakers: President Frederick Burkhardt, Bennington College; Mother Thomas Aquinas, O.S.U., College of New Rochelle; President Lewis A. Froman, Russell Sage; President Evan R. Collins, New York State College for Teachers, Albany; President Carter Davidson, Union; James W. Whitehead, Executive Director of Empire State Foundation of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges.

The Skidmore students have invited educators to the campus and enlisted the aid of the Skidmore faculty for the various meetings and panel discussions.

SPECIAL POST-GAME AFFAIRS ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:		
DEC. 14	HOLY CROSS	BANCROFT HOTEL, WORCESTER
DEC. 16	ADELPHI	GARDEN CITY HOTEL, LONG ISLAND
FEB. 13	BRANDEIS	MANGER HOTEL, BOSTON
JAN. 7	U. OF MASS.	WIGGINS TAVERN, NORTHAMPTON

(For the Holy Cross game, tickets will be on sale here at the college at student prices: \$2 tickets for \$1.50 and \$1.25 tickets for \$.75.)

## Seniors Invited To Pre-Legal Institute

All college seniors who are interested in the study of law are invited to attend a Pre-Legal Institute to be held at Boston College Law School on December 8. The Institute will open at 9:10 and will last until mid afternoon. Those attending will attend actual law school classes, see movies illustrating the activities of the legal profession, attend a moot court argument by the law school students and a symposium of the study and practice of law. All those attending will be luncheon guests of the Law School.

A new brochure in the study of law for pre-legal students has recently been issued by Boston College Law School. This publication available on request. It may be obtained by writing to: Law School Saint Thomas More Drive, Brighton 35, Mass.

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## Most Important Birthday

*Birthdays are always happy occasions, and those dealing in communications make the most of the peculiar psychology behind birthdays which pleases people.*

Newspapers run columns, magazines feature a "Birthday of the Week," and radio quiz masters are forever asking participants when they were born.

This month marks the birthday of the most important man who ever lived, God-made-man, CHRIST. On the 25th of December, Christians all over the world will celebrate for the 1956th time, the occasion of His nativity.

There are those who scorn the manner in which the Christmas season is approached - they mock its commercialism, and the hypocrisy involved. Yet though these cynics, iconoclasts that they are, warn us of the evils which have crept into the season of Advent, that intangible called Christmas spirit still pervades town and city, home and school.

People who have a hard time being nice the rest of the year, start smiling all over. The Scrooges find the wherewithal to give a little extra to those less fortunate than themselves. And at Mass on Christmas Day, we'll all see, kneeling before Christ, people who never see the inside of the church the other 364 days of the year.

What causes all this?

Maybe He wants to share in our holiday mood by imparting His special gift to all of us on Christmas. After all, He started it by giving us the greatest gift yet - His Son.

## Letters To The Editor

Part of the job of this newspaper, as we explained two weeks ago, is to voice individual student opinion. Through these "Letters to the Editor," the student on campus may voice an opinion on an article or an Editorial appearing in the paper, or may object to or feel strongly for a particular Administration policy.

We like to get these "Letters to the Editor," but there seems to be some confusion on the matter of signing them.

Generally our policy is that if the complaint (or praise) concerns the Michaelman personally we do not insist that the letter-writer's name be published though the original letter must be signed.

If, however, the letter concerns the Administration, both the original letter, and the letter as it appears in the paper, must be signed. This is to prevent the perennial complainer from sending in long negative letters, and hiding his authorship behind "anonymous." We feel that the man should feel strongly enough about his stand to be able to admit his authorship, so that Administration officials concerned may contact him personally and iron the matter out. This makes for a healthier atmosphere.

If the subject matter of a letter concerns Michaelman policy, we feel it is only necessary that the writer's name be known to the Editorial Board, as it is this group that decides policy. Thus letters concerning the paper are published without signatures.

We hope this policy pleases both student and Administration. We would urge the individual student and faculty member to "drop-a-line" to us, letting us know how he feels on current issues on campus, or on Editorials we publish.

This is a student paper and should reflect as great a percentage of student opinion as possible. This in turn creates more interest in current issues, thus providing us with a "Live" campus.



### WANTED - Pen Pals

You probably don't know the feeling of loneliness that has filled my life since leaving St. Mike's. I am a lonely heart and am serving my country while you are enjoying college life. A short letter from you would really "Bolster" my morale. If you would like a pen pal as much as I would please drop a line to:

2nd Lt. Robert Bolster,  
A03046177  
Class 56-6B Box 923  
Ellington A.F.B., Texas

Next "MICHAELMAN"  
January 14th

### Sodality Tridium On Dec. 6, 7 and 8

The Sodality of St. Michael's will hold its annual Tridium on the 6th, 7th and 8th of December. The Tridium is a religious exercise of three days in preparation for the induction of new Sodalists.

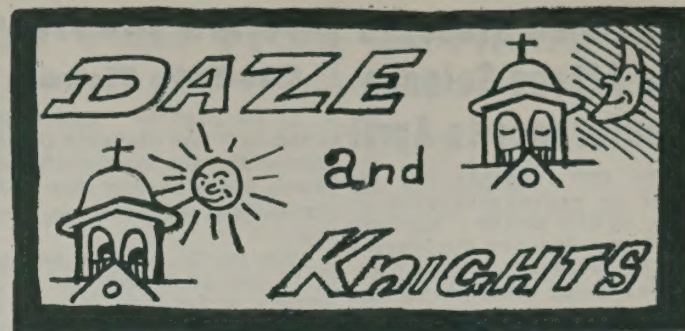
Following evening prayers on the three designated days, a ceremony consisting of a sermon by the Sodality Moderator, Father Boucher SSE, and the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will take place. The entire Sodality will receive in a body on December 8th at the seven o'clock Mass, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. At the close of the ceremony that evening as the inductees receive the Sodality pin, they will become chartered members of the Sodality and will receive the accompanying indulgences. This year there are approximately twenty-five new aspirants based upon their active participation on committees and projects. Although the ceremony is exclusively concerned with the Sodality, all interested are invited to attend.

### Registrar Asks Response To Poll

The Registrar's office recently circulated a questionnaire to use as a measuring stick in evaluating the school. The returns have been disappointingly poor. This is indicative of the numerous students who bosh school politics and spirit, but when given an opportunity to critically evaluate the situation lack the initiative and intestinal fortitude to do so. The mere sixty ballots which have been turned in to Mr. Garrett are of the highest quality work. Unless more are received the few ballots received will be judged insignificant.

If you haven't done anything about this matter, sit down now and answer the following questions and place them in the box in Mr. Garrett's office.

1. Have you ever encouraged anyone to attend St. Michael's College?
2. If not, were you in a position to do so?
3. If your answer to No. 1 is no and No. 2 is yes, please explain.
4. Has St. Michael's College:
  - a) exceeded your expectations
  - b) met your expectations
  - c) failed to meet your expectations
5. Make any recommendations which you consider would be valuable to the administration as well as the student body.



Here we are again, you fortunate fools. Those seven days of eager anticipation were not spent in vain. Raise your hearts and minds and souls and drink in these six hundred words of note promulgated by the Sage of St. Michael's.

Any of us who were able to remain on campus Thanksgiving Day to partake in the sumptuous meal rendered by Mrs. Dufresne and Associates couldn't help but feel sympathetic towards the Michaelmen who were forced to go home and eat whatever tasteless meal their parents might provide for them, could we?

After enjoying the above mentioned repast, many Michaelmen were heard to remark "Why isn't every meal like that?" This department concurs completely with that plea. So, after an extensive survey of the problem we have come up with a very concrete solution. Our solution would also make a football team possible maybe even a basketball team. It involves a slight increase in tuition, but this would be incidental. Instead of \$1,300 as the overall annual cost of attendance, the cost would be raised about 300%. This would make it \$3,900, so, in order to level the price and facilitate easy check writing, we'll make it an even \$4,000. Now, you probably ask, how will a minor increase like that help? Remember, although this increase may seem like nothing at all to you and your benefactors, imagine what a nice little addition it will make to the total intake when multiplied 700 times. As a by-product, it should be noted that our enrollment would soar due to the attraction that this greater cost will be to the thousands of high school graduates who prefer a high priced institution. This nominal increase will also result in such neglected necessities as Hi-Fi sets in each room, weekend excursions to Florida, and two milks at every meal. We have spoken to the president about our plan, and he finds that it has "very definite merit." So, children, write your parents, write your teachers, write your congressmen, in fact, go right to the very top, and write your Student Council Representatives.

And from the Department of senseless questions about worthless things: Do you think John Lennon will ever be the same after the bouncing Willie Noonan gave him in Tuesday's Interclass game? And do you think Mr. MacDonald would be upset if he knew that there were some boys who understood what he was talking about in his Philosophy class? Don't you think a "natural" would be lost if the Knights and Knaves chose anyone but Jerry Ryan for Capt. Queeg in their production of "Caine Mutiny."

There's a Frosh in Capt. Kiernan's ROTC class who certainly has all the powers of concentration well mastered. In a class the other day concerning Outer Space as its topic, this young fellow threw himself so completely into the subject that he finally went right out of this world. While said Frosh was enfolded comfortably in the arms of Morpheus, the bell for the end of the period rang. Not a mite did the youngster stir. Capt. Kiernan, knowing that his engrossed student was free the following period, allowed him to remain in his state of elevated contemplation. A second Frosh ROTC class replaced the first. Midway in this second period the Captain became interested in what the fruits of this extended period of meditation might be, so he awakened our boy from his reverie with a question on the material. After faking his way through about 30 seconds of his answer, the thinker noted the foreign faces about him and in one awful moment, the truth was clear to him. He came to grips with the situation by snatching up his books and mumbling various inarticulate words of apology as he stumbled out of the room.

Mike Ready, Pete Feary, Ronnie Richards, Bob Wilson, and any Murphys Named Dick. There is not a reason in the world why the above names should be mentioned, but we were told that people only read this column to see if their name is in it, and we thought that if we ended this thing that way, we might interest at least those six boys.

See you next year, plebians. And remember - it's nice to be nice.

Publius III

ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE  
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Joyeux Noel Aux Canadiens!  
Feliz Navidad A Los Latinoamericanos!

### IN MEMORIAM:

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Frank Cioffi, a former student here, who died last week.

All upperclassmen who have not yet picked up their copies of the 1955 Shield are advised to do so before vacation as, after Dec. 10th, those copies remaining become the property of the college.



Class Plays

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funnybone. Plaudits are deserved for the skillful mimicry of Al Jolson, Jimmie Durante and Sophie Tucker, and the eternal question of why the twenties died received a most convincing answer in the pair of the most hilarious Charleston dancers this side of F. Scott.

The final two plays on Tuesday night were led off by the Juniors with their rather morbid character study of a submarine crew trapped beneath the surface. Played under a barrage of rays from a slightly fickle lighting system and between curtains which provided a view slightly larger than that offered by a porthole, the presentation did, at times, give rise to a goodly amount of voluble hilarity on the part of the attentive audience. At such occasions a casual passer-by might be deceived into thinking that a comedy was being given. But the actors, especially W. Bellcourt, are to be commended for the fact that in spite of the dubious quality of the script they did manage to impart to a mirthfully prone audience some of the tension and dramatic quality which the author originally intended.

The directors Tuesday night seemed intent on preventing the audience from getting its head into fresh air, for the aquatic antics of the Juniors were immediately followed by another study of trapped men, again below surface - this time in a coal mine. The Seniors, with a well-rounded cast, indicated that they along with the previous classes had devoted much time to their preparation. Also, being no slackers when it comes to technical detail, the Seniors highlighted their performance with a somewhat surrealistic mine explosion which consisted of one huge boulder flung from the wings amid a cloud of, what looked like, chowhall flour.

As was the case in the previous performance, the actors survived to take a highly deserved curtain-call.

When reviewed, the two night's dramatic activity proved to be a success for the directors, the stage-assistants, and the actors who participated. The audiences were unanimous in their opinion that all four classes had given much time and effort towards providing them with two evenings of very enjoyable entertainment.

For that, the participants, winners and losers, won the whole-hearted appreciation of the student body for jobs well done.

Skiing

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will not exceed fifty cents per person. The tow fee is seventy-five cents an evening. Father Duford has skis for rent at fifty cents a day, and has also ordered twelve sets of skis, poles, and boots. These will be on sale at cost. That means that the sets will sell between twenty and thirty-five per cent below retail price.

This year for the novice skier there will be free ski instructions given under the direction of Art Kirwin and Roger Rivard.

The fundamentals of skiing will be taught one afternoon a week on the slope opposite Old Hall. Father Duford is willing to finance the building of a rope tow and the installation of lights on the slope if there is enough student interest. The Outing Club plans to poll the student body to determine the reaction to such a plan.

Within a radius of fifty miles of St. Michael's there are facilities for all skiers from the novice to the most proficient.

SMC History

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INTERESTING PREFACE

The book itself is bound in an attractive purple and gold cover bearing the college seal. Fr. Maloney is largely responsible for the coverage of the first 25 years while Dr. Durick compiled the last half of the S.M.C. story. Congratulatory messages from many dignitaries such as Pope Pius XII and President Eisenhower with accompanying full page photos make up an impressive prefacing section. Here and throughout the book documents of interest and importance to the college have also been reproduced.

PAST WELL DEPICTED

The nine presidents and their terms of service have been used as divisions of the history. Excerpts from old college catalogues and other publications give an interesting insight into what life was like for a Michaelman in by-gone days and how it widely differs from present-day students' activities.

Pictures used in many parts of the book highlight the story. Building construction, which has taken place over the years from Old Hall in 1904 to Ryan Hall in 1951, is depicted as well as some of

the early student enrollments.

Mr. John Donoghue's article on St. Michael's, which appeared in the 1954 Autumn issue of "Vermont Life" is reprinted in its entirety with beautiful full color photos.

BENEFICIAL TO ALL

Dr. Durick and Fr. Maloney both specified that they attempted to cover every phase of S.M.C.'s history except folklore, which would fill many books in itself. Dr. Durick also added:

"I feel that there is something in this book for everyone - past, present and future. The alumni are probably more particularly interested in the years in which they attended St. Michael's. It is of value to the present student who desires an orientation on the college and can be of the same use to future students as a basis for orientation."

NSA

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approximately \$300 for St. Michael's.

Frank Adams then questioned the NSA resolution which stated in part, "that political belief should not be grounds for dismissal from a university position." Adams pointed out that he felt that a man who held to Communism

as a political belief would be a menace to America, as he must necessarily be a Communist in practice if one in theory. NSA's opinion was that it was possible to be a Communist only in theory, while not putting it in practice.

Leavitt then pointed out that he thought the resolution at best "poorly worded," and personally did not favor it.

A statement was then read from Dr. Spencer, head of the Political Science Department, which stated in part:

I find nothing in the Constitution or By-laws of the National Student Association which I feel is prejudicial in any way to a full and complete cooperation by the Student Government of St. Michael's College in the NSA, including affiliation.

The structure of NSA is typical of many voluntary associations and gives full room for democratic controls by the membership.

A perusal of the minutes of the 1955 National Student Congress held in Minneapolis indicates to me a healthy concern on the part of NSA in many vital areas of public policy and international affairs. Some of the resolutions are perhaps too optimistic, too idealistic (what national convention isn't prone to vastly over-

stated resolutions?) and reflect the youth of their sponsors. The resolutions in the "controversial areas of public policy" appear to me to be perfectly consistent with views which might be held by a graduate of a Catholic liberal arts college.

Shield

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will remain here an extra week after the close of the school year, all sections of the book will be assembled to facilitate the early delivery.

FLYNN CONFIDENT

Editor Don Flynn had one pertinent remark. He emphasized that "A yearbook is made up of eye-appealing presentations and it will be my policy with this book to gratify that appeal through an unprecedented perspective as regards four-color work and an abundance of pictures."

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# Purple Knights Open Here With Merrimack

Next Thursday night the Purple Knights will open their '55-56 season at home meeting Merrimack College at 8:30 in Burlington Memorial Auditorium.

Following the opener, the Knights will meet LeMoyne, Holy Cross, Adelphi and St. Peter's in that order. All these games will be played on enemy courts. A scheduled game with Fairfield has been postponed to a date yet yet to be announced.

The Knights open their state campaign the night after the Christmas recess ends. On January 4 they are hosts of the University of Vermont. From that date until the final day in February, the Knights will have a steady diet of basketball.

Merrimack will rely heavily on two returning veterans, Captain Billy Nestor and John McDaid. Since this is the first meeting with the North Andover school, information is limited. However, last season they possessed one of the finest scorers in the country, Jay Martin, who graduated in June. Good scorers usually breed other high point-getters; - could be the Blue and Gold have a surprise for the Knights.

Of the next four games, the big one is of course with Holy Cross. This will be the fourth meeting of the two teams, and as of yet the Knights haven't broken the ice. Tommy Heinsohn is back, and he will be the man to stop. In this fourth meeting St. Michael's will have its most formidable team since the series began.

Little is known of LeMoyne, St. Peter's and Adelphi. They have always been dangerous and this year should prove no different. The Knights will also be seeking their first wins over St. Peter's and Adelphi.

With only a week left the team has been working hard. There have been no line-up changes and the starting team should find Lemanowicz and Kuchar at the forwards, Denmead and Cieplicki in backcourt and John Wegrzynski jumping center. All the squad is scheduled for heavy duty.

## Freshmen Open At Plattsburgh

Coach Ed Markey's Purple Squires get their season underway this afternoon when they travel to Plattsburgh to meet the Plattsburgh State Teachers College.

### STREAK ON LINE

The yearlings will be putting a 10 game, winning streak on the line in this one. Last season the Frosh took 10 straight for an undefeated season. This was one of the most impressive first year teams in Hilltop history. From indications, the present Frosh squad has shown this same lustre.

### MARKEY UNDECIDED

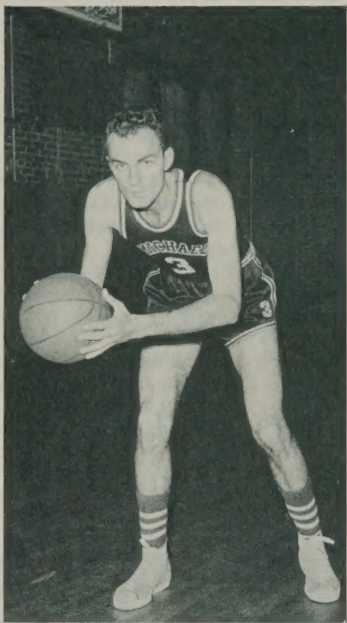
Markey did not name a starting five. He was quoted as saying, "all my boys are potential starters. As yet I haven't decided on any particular five. They've all worked hard." Game time will tell the story.

Following the opener, the Squires are idle for two weeks. On December 17 they will meet St. Peter's Freshman team in a prelim to the varsity's game with the Peacocks.

## Moby Lou Returns

Lou Grimaldi, St. Lawrence center, will be back facing the Knights again this year. Lou is a 300 pounder who moves well and has an amazing touch under the boards.

## WE PRESENT



**BILL KUCHAR GUARD**

Bill, like his teammates Bernie Cieplicki and Tom Lemanowicz, hails from Jersey City, N.J. He graduated from Dickinson High there, where he played baseball, basketball and ran track and cross-country.

On the Hilltop "Kooch" has continued his athletic ways. Besides being a consistent performer with the Purple Knights on the hardwood, he has also performed well for Doc Jacobs' diamond squad. Last season he finished second in the hitting department. Bill was also one of the pioneers of the newly-inaugurated cross-country team on campus.

The slender six-footer operates well at either the guard or forward posts. A deadly one-hand jump shot is his most dangerous weapon. In the '54-55 season he threw in 254 points for a reputable 12.1 average. This year he is listed as a definite starter and many Knight fans believe Billy could hold the key to the Knights' fortunes.

Another member of the Kuchar family will be on the Purple Knight scene next year. Bill's younger brother, Bob, is now a freshman at UVM. Also an athlete, he plays Freshman basketball and runs for the Vermont cross-country team.

## Hockey Rink Is Raised

Thanksgiving afternoon Fr. Stankiewicz, assisted by several hockey hopefuls, set up the boards for this season's hockey rink.

The rink itself is much larger than the one used last year, being about 165 ft. long and 70 ft. wide, as compared with last year's 125 ft. by 55 ft. Maintenance of the rink this year will be undertaken by the team members themselves, as funds for a separate maintenance crew are not available. In line with the responsibility of maintenance, each team will elect one member to act as a general coordinator. This man's duties will also include coaching of his particular team.

## SKI TEAM IN TRAINING

By JIM BREAGY

The Purple Knights' ski squad for the 1955-56 season has started its training for this year's intercollegiate competition. Sorely felt is the loss of last year's Captain - Don LaBrake who was the backbone of the 1954-55 team and Jack McGinn, both of whom graduated in June.

### TRAINING HARD

Although prospects for this season aren't the best, the skiers, led by this year's Captain - Sophomore Roger Rivard, have begun their rigorous training in preparation for the coming meets. Continuous running and calisthenics are part of the program to get into peak condition. Thursday a training movie on skiing will be shown to the team in conjunction with the St. Michael's Outing Club and a three day training camp is planned in the near future.

### VERSATILITY STRESSED

Because of a shortage of experienced skiers, versatility is being stressed that is, each member should be capable of giving a good account of himself in all four events - cross-country, downhill, slalom and jumping. In this respect Captain Rivard should be invaluable. Last season Rog finished sixth in the cross-country at the Paul Smith meet and seventh in the slalom at St. Lawrence.

### NEWCOMERS DEPENDED ON

Although the team is built around a nucleus of fine veteran performers such as Ray Chapdelaine, Tom Lynch and Paul Planky, it is the newcomers that the team is counting on. They include Ray Flynn, Larry Austin and Tom Arzberger who ran with Rivard on the cross-country team this fall, Frank Moriarty and John Roach. A couple of Freshman who may be dark-horses are Phil Rossignol and Jack Carleton. The aim of the team is to do a good job of representing the school in intercollegiate competition and they think they can do it.

### STUDENTS HAVE MAJOR ROLE

The sports page of the Michaelman last week published a hockey story clipped from a Michaelman of the past. It was thought the article would stimulate interest in the ice sport. Hockey's existence this season will depend on the individual students.

### INTERCLASS LEAGUE TO PLAY

As yet, the schedule of games has not been drawn up. However, it is expected that each team will play the others twice. Also, the Canadian students, who are enough in number to place an entire squad on the ice, will challenge the U.S. students to a playoff. This game alone should stimulate the interest of a large crowd. The first game, if all holds well, will be held shortly after return from Christmas vacation.

The uniforms, incidentally, for the team members, are furnished by the school.

Anyone interested in participating in this Interclass Hockey League, is advised to contact his class president regarding particulars.

Frank O'Handley, former Sports Editor of the Michaelman, is a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force. Frank received his commission upon graduation last June. He married the former Pat Shaughnessy of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

## Interclass Team Play Better This Season

"Better organization, coaching, team turnouts and support has resulted in a much better brand of interclass basketball than in many past years," was the reason given by Father John A. Stankiewicz, moderator of interclass basketball, for the great improvement that has taken place so far this year.

## Knight Sailors Remain Active

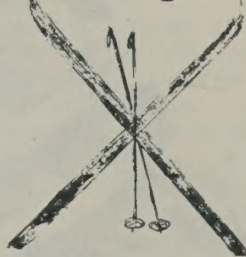
Inactivity, as a word, just does not exist in the vocabulary of the St. Michael's College Sailing Team. Even though the waters of Lake Champlain are at a freezing point and ice will begin to cover the lake in a few weeks, the sailing team will continue to remain active throughout the winter.

Of prime importance to members of the team is the scheduled meeting to be held at M.I.T. in Boston on Saturday, Dec. 10, at which Co-Commodore Marius Peladeau will represent the college. Important items of NEISA policy and the team's probable schedule for the coming spring and fall seasons will all be discussed at the gathering.

The Commodores of the team, Ed Hughes and Peladeau, announced today the appointment of Bill Hill to the newly created post of "Freshman Commodore." The duties and reasons for this newly created post will be one of the prime matters to be discussed at the team's next meeting.

This meeting, a most important one, will be held next Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:15 p.m., in Science Hall 107. All team members are asked to observe the new time. Some very important matters, including certain constitutional changes and the question of interclass sailing in the spring, will be brought up. Everyone is asked to be in attendance.

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In the four games played up to last weekend in the interclass league, interest by both the teams and the individual classes in the team that is representing them has been excellent. Fr. Stankiewicz said. He stated that the calibre of basketball was so good and the four teams so evenly matched that he believed any team could win on any given night.

The schedule calls for each team to play each other once before the Christmas vacation and twice before the schedule ends at the end of February. Thus each team will have played all its opponents three times before the finish of the season.

Father Stankiewicz, one of the most avid sport's fans on campus, got involved in athletic activities through his own interest and his generous desire to help out wherever he was needed. He offered to lend his spare time to interclass activities to help out 'Doc' Jacobs and his assistant, Ed Markey. So every basketball game finds Father patiently keeping score and time.

Turning from interclass basketball to intermural hoop activity, Fr. Stankiewicz also had nothing but praise for the way things have been turning out.

Even though he has been having trouble in scheduling some of the games, he still hoped to get all 16 teams to play against each other once before the Christmas recess starts.

After Xmas he hopes to have the intermural league play at least every other week and maybe even every week. Fr. Stankiewicz desires that the intermural league serve as a sort of "farm system" for the interclass loop. By this he means that a good player in the intermural league might improve and develop to such an extent that he would be brought up to represent his class team.

This intermural league, made up of 14 on-campus teams, one from each hall or floor; one team of day-students and one of off-campus students, is under the direction of Fr. Stankiewicz and his four assistants, R. DesRoches, R. Mastroberardino, A. Kirwin and J. Brannon.

With new organization all around, Father hopes that student interest would prove all the work the athletic department has put into the interclass and intermural program was not going to be for naught.

Norwich University opens its schedule this weekend meeting Coast Guard and Merrimack on Friday and Saturday nights respectively. The state champs will be without the services of Ed Neenan, Dale Montgomery and Chet Szejewski. Bob Veadon and Cliff Johnson have been named co-captains.

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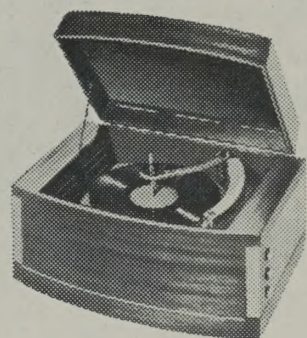
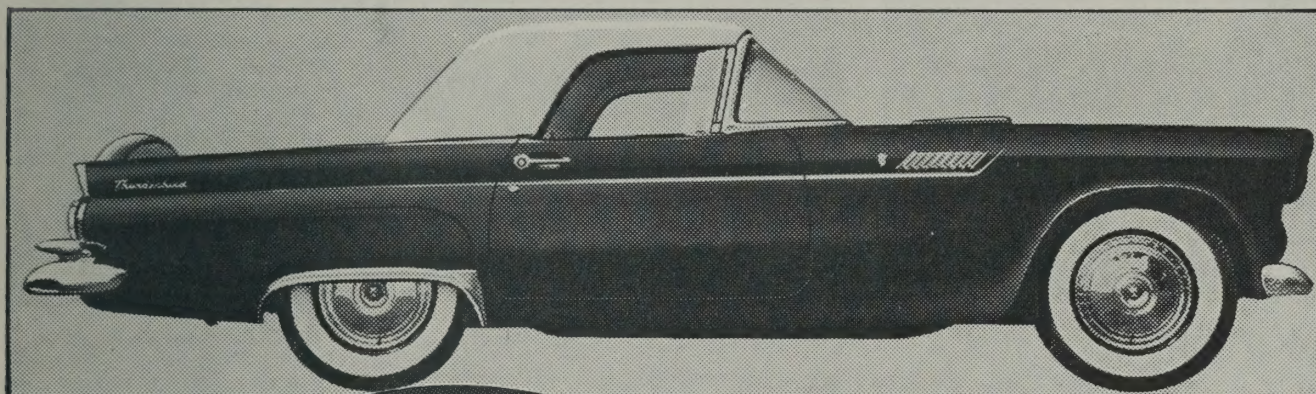
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# LAST WEEK'S "SHOW BUSINESS"



*"Hewers of Coal", the Senior production showed the fourth year men to be excellent thespians.*



*The Juniors in a scene from "Submerged" which showed their acting talent.*

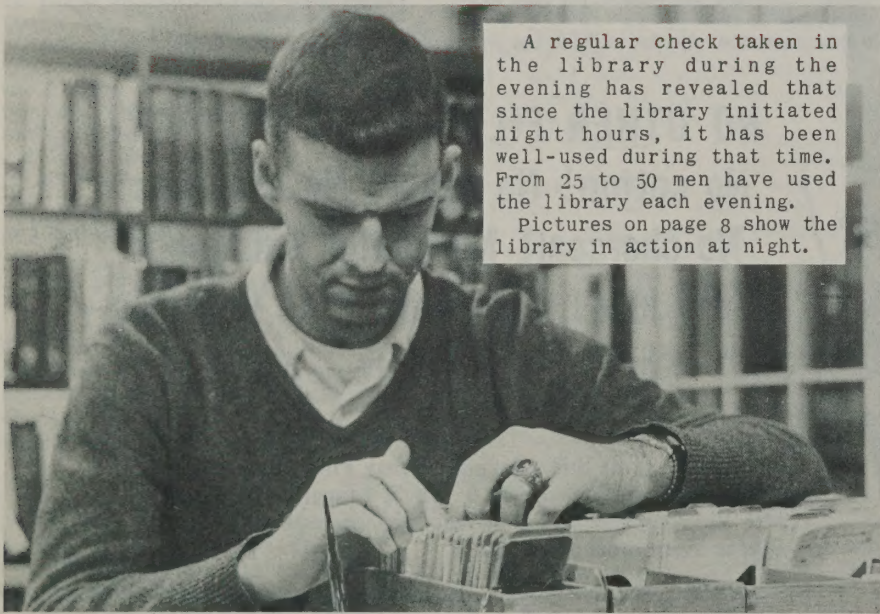


*The Sophs as seen in a part of their one-act play "Swimming Pools."*



*A scene from the Frosh pantomime "Flashback" portraying the "Roaring Twenties."*

# THE SMC LIBRARY AT NIGHT



A regular check taken in the library during the evening has revealed that since the library initiated night hours, it has been well-used during that time. From 25 to 50 men have used the library each evening. Pictures on page 8 show the library in action at night.

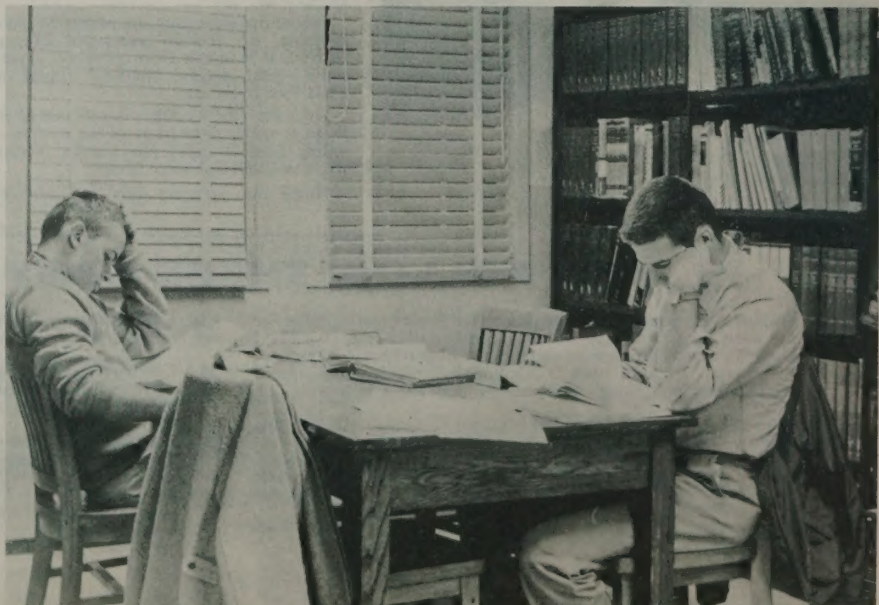
Student aide Joe McCann checks files.



Shot shows well-filled Library busy at work.



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